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Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
66	68	70
36	50	44
10%	10%	60%

Source: <http://weather.com>

NUMBER CRUNCH
39.8
Million

Estimated number of people with HIV/AIDS in 2006.

Source: avert.org

'Desire' rages in Russell



(L-R)Stanley Kowalski (played by Justin Miles) manages to salvage the affections of Stella Kowalski (played by Elisha Hodgins) after a spat during a scene in "A Streetcar Named Desire," which is showing at Russell Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Feb. 21-24, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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DEVIN VERNICK / SENIOR REPORTER

Georgia Senator Johnny Grant spoke to the crowd at the College Republican's meeting on Friday.

Politicians attend local conference

BY DEVIN VERNICK
SENIOR REPORTER

This past weekend, several prominent Georgia politicians and college students from around the state descended upon GCSU for the 2007 Annual Georgia Association of College Republicans Convention.

The annual convention met at Emory University last year and this marks the first time the GACR has ever convened in Milledgeville.

"This is the second time we've tried to bring the convention here," said Jason White, a sophomore political science major and current chairman of GCSU college republicans. "This time, the association voted unanimously to have the convention here. This was our opportunity to show off our campus to GACR representatives from all over the state."

The convention was held to elect officers for 2007-2008. The College Republicans, established in 1997, exists on 32 different college campuses

across the state of Georgia. The GACR is the largest student-run political organization in Georgia with over 8,000 members.

Members held a banquet Friday night to raise money for the 2007 year. Phil Kent, an award-winning conservative columnist and author, spoke at the event. Kent's message was that college campuses should foster an environment where students can stand up and think for themselves.

"There is too much apathy in this country," Kent said. "Someone's values will have to prevail and we want ours to prevail."

Saturday morning, GACR members congregated in the Old Senate Chambers, located at Georgia Military College, to vote upon new executive officers for the 2007-2008 year and hear from several state politicians. Georgia Sen. Johnny Grant, (R-Baldwin and surrounding counties) and Georgia Rep. Melvin

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Awareness is best way to fight AIDS

BY BECCA BROOKS
STAFF WRITER

To create awareness for AIDS and Personal Health Awareness Week, the campus A.N.G.E.L.S. (AIDS Now Grasps Every Living Soul) members handed out free baked goods, informational brochures and condoms on Front Campus from Feb. 12-16.

In honor of GCSU's 11th Annual AIDS Awareness Week, over 11 events offered students information and entertainment to help spread the knowledge of HIV/AIDS prevention. The campus A.N.G.E.L.S. foundation, in cooperation with the Women's Resource Center, P.A.W.S., and other campus-affiliated associations, organized the activities.

President of the campus A.N.G.E.L.S. Tameka Dean, a biology and premed major, fell in love with the cause two years ago.

"AIDS awareness is not limited to be safe or

don't have sex," Dean said. "People need to be more compassionate. It may not be you [that is infected], but it could be your friend. That's the problem; people disconnect themselves from the issue."

Dean has not been personally affected by the AIDS/HIV epidemic, but wants to advise people to not separate themselves from the issue and become unaware of the effects. It has been estimated that at least half of all new HIV infections in the United States are among people under 25 years old. At the end of 2002, Georgia was ranked eighth in the nation with 26,008 reported AIDS cases.

Unfortunately, Dean has experienced some negative feedback from students.

"Some people make jokes and are rude to our members," Dean said. "It bothers me that people are still ignorant (to this

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BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

A battle of the sexes helped to educate students on the effects and causes of AIDS.

Panel talks legal, illegal aliens

BY S. ASHLEE
MOONEYHAN
STAFF WRITER

A panel on Immigration in the U.S. met to discuss controversial issues with students, staff and faculty Thursday, Feb. 15.

The Arts & Sciences classroom that held the meeting echoed with opinions and questions for more than an hour.

The panelists included Javier Francisco, from the Office of Institutional Research and Enrollment Management, Begoña Rodriguez Liern, graduate assistant for Graduate Studies in Business and He Xihao, a graduate student and international club officer, all of whom are uniquely associated with the realities of immigration.

The conversations heated as topics such as taxation, natural rights and education, all in regards to both legal and illegal immigrants, were presented. Each panelist had unique and differing points of view, having originated from different cultures but eventually ending up in the U.S.

The panel hoped to bring awareness to the issues of immigration in the U.S.

"As a liberal arts school, students should put their education into application and think of resolutions," Xihao said.

A list of pros and cons of immigration was projected on the overhead screen to spur discussion. Pros included a melting-pot effect for a diversified culture, cheap labor to positively affect the economy and cost of living.

Cons included society being overburdened by illegal immigrants, criminal subcultures and gangs, and difficulty tracing undocumented people. The subject proved itself to be complex and multi-faceted, as many different problems and issues were suggested.

A major theme of discussion hovered around the trend of Americans holding an anti-immigration point of view, which may stem from stigma on illegal immigrants that often gets branched out over legal immigrants as well. A major concern mentioned in the panel discussion was society being overwhelmed by major influxes of illegal immigrants.

Please see the extended version of this article at gcsunade.com

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issue) in college."

On the other hand, Dean has experienced constant positive feedback from the GCSU faculty.

Dr. Robin Harris, associate professor of sociology and government, is a strong supporter of the cause and most professors associated with her are very helpful, according to Dean.

"The good feedback definitely outweighs the bad," explains Dean as she discusses the upcoming events of AIDS Awareness

Week.

The enthusiastic campus A.N.G.E.L.S. spent all of last week hosting speakers, awareness events, information tables, abstinence programs, fundraisers and risk reduction programs. National advertising for AIDS/HIV prevention frequently focuses on AIDS and HIV in third world countries.

However, in Georgia since 1981, approx. 30,000 people have been diagnosed with AIDS. Of the 30,000 AIDS reported cases, over half the cases ended in death, according to the Georgia AIDS Coalition's 2006 report. Internationally, the statis-

tics worsen and become almost unfathomable.

Dr. Sunita Manian, coordinator of interdisciplinary studies, lead a lecture discussing the worldwide affect of AIDS/HIV titled, "Tackling HIV/AIDS in the Age of Globalization: The Case of Chennai, India."

In India, 25 percent of all women from 15 to 24 years old have AIDS. Dr. Manian studied in a town called Chennai and gained extensive knowledge of the national problems and beneficial programs established in India. Initially, India's government deemed AIDS as a trait of deviant groups that the government didn't want to help.

"The response to the

AIDS crisis in India is inadequate in scale," Manian said. "There are over 5.1 million people still living with HIV."

Though the epidemic has spread and 85 percent of AIDS/HIV is now heterosexually transmitted, the government only spends about \$0.17 per infected person.

Manian plans to return to India to study the social injustice and relevance to the AIDS epidemic. By writing a book, she plans to give the transgender population an overdue voice.

After powerful lectures, such as Manian's "Tackling AIDS/HIV in the Age of Globalization," the consequences of ignorance cannot be over-

looked. So, campus A.N.G.E.L.S. and other organizations hosted didactic events, such as a battle of the sexes game, a silent auction, an Art as an Agent for Change performance and an interactive "Game of Life" to bring an epidemic issue to GCSU students.

Free Confidential HIV testing was also available on Front Campus on Feb. 13, in honor of National Testing Day.

AIDS Awareness Week was a success; more students became educated and more steps were made in the fight against HIV/AIDS. To continue the awareness and empower social change, visit www.aids.org.

Republicans

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Everson, (R-Snellville/Lilburn) were the featured speakers.

Grant encouraged listeners to become an active part of their communities and recognized GCSU College Republicans as being an asset to his campaigning here in Milledgeville during the 2006 Senate election. Grant, a Milledgeville native, was pleased to see the convention take place.

"As state senator, I try to get as many groups to visit Milledgeville as I can," Grant said. "We're very proud of this town's political and historical significance."

Everson earned a standing ovation after a rousing speech describing his political successes and failures toward becoming the first black republican representative in Georgia. An inspiring Everson told his listeners to "never succumb to the rhetoric that this nation is not a great nation."

All of the candidates running for office in the GACR went unchallenged. After the election, the new GACR executive board took their oath of office before the general assembly. No GCSU College Republicans ran for office.

After the convention ended, White appeared slightly relieved.

"I think the convention went well," White said. "There was a lot of pressure planning the convention and the election process. I am glad it is over and we can look forward to the 2008 U.S. presidential election."

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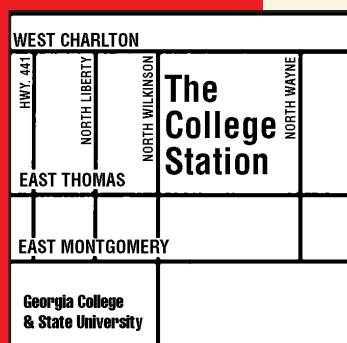
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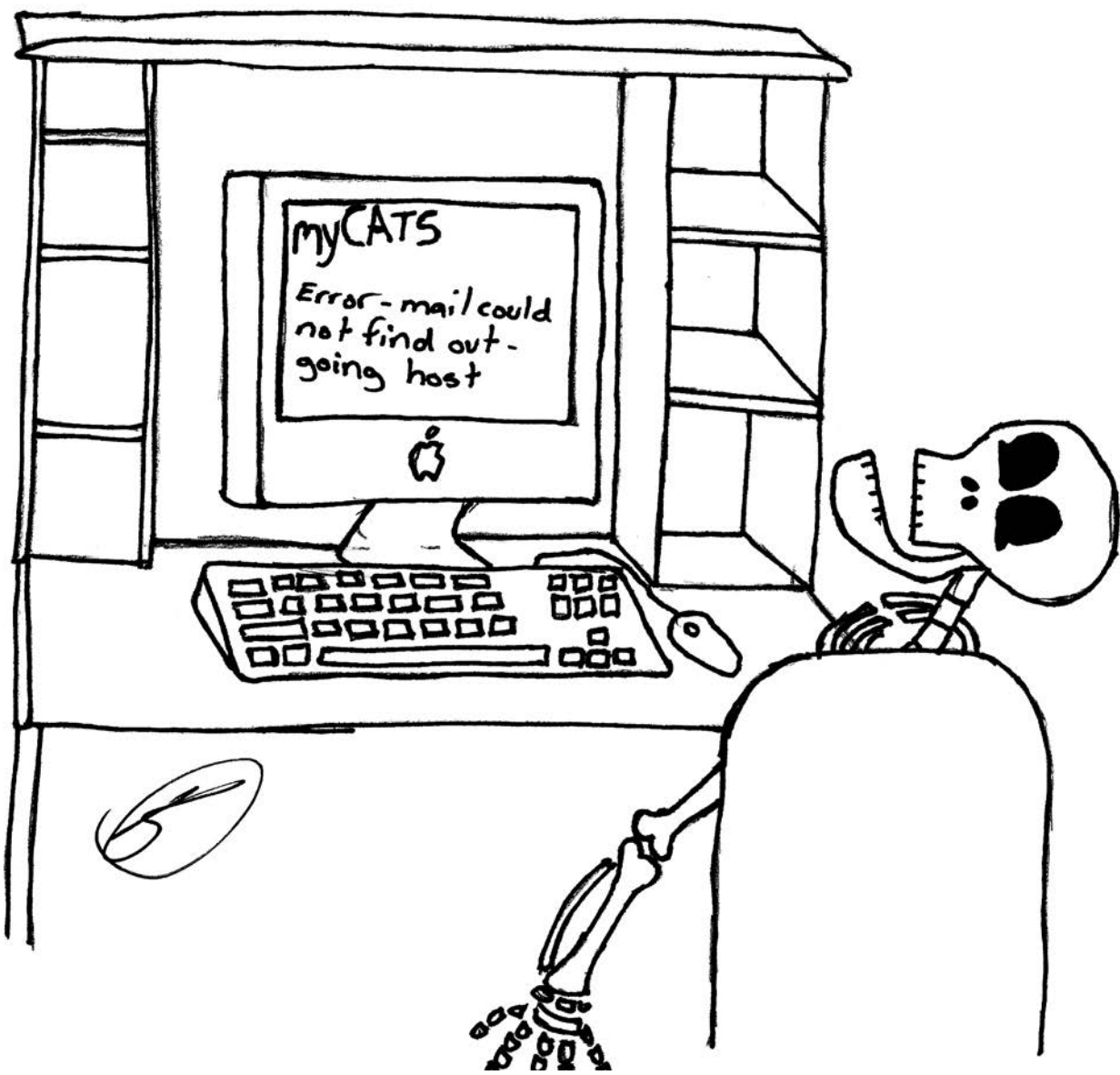
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DOMINY'S DOODLES

BY KYLE DOMINY



Candidates face plethora of questions



BY WILL THOMPSON
COLUMNIST

It's beginning to become that time again. The air is a little warmer; the sun is shining a little brighter. The birds are singing a little louder and the many members of the Milledgeville squirrel army are coming out of their Winter slump and becoming fervently active again. Yes, you all know what that means: Spring's almost upon us.

Ok, maybe not. It's still fairly cold and bleak, I haven't really heard the birds singing unless you count the one massive eagle that circles my puppy whenever I take her out, and the majority of the squirrels are still not molesting people on the side walk on a regular basis...yet. No, Spring's

not here, at least not in Milledgeville anyway. But, in the political realm it would seem as if our many presidential candidates are beginning to switch into that pre-election year Spring mode.

For those of you whom do not avidly follow politics, the pre-election year Spring mode is a combination of amped up public speaking tours, large amounts of campaign funding events and a early pre-party nomination alignment in which the world sees if one has what it takes to gain his or her party's full support, as well as keep the "middle of the line" voter interested. This Spring mode is filled with everything from early dirt shoveling and crooked politics to Iowa speaking engagements, public debates and many, many Gallup polls.

In fact, the most recent Gallup polls released show that Clinton is leading the democratic pack with a 19 percent lead over Obama. On the same note for the opposing team, Giuliani seems to be leading over John McCain by 16 percent.

To be honest, this really comes as no big surprise. Clinton has been seen as the front-runner for the Democratic Party nomination, at least in the public's eye. But, what has become apparent lately is the move she has been making from the moderate middle towards the left, and to me, it seems like an uneasy one for her. She's taking a more hard-lined stance on some issues, most centrally the war. Her move to the left hasn't been easy for her though, and one can tell. For one, she has mentioned such issues as "troop caps" as well as unreachable goals for the Iraqi government to acquire funding, but only after taking a trip over to Iraq to visit the troops. Also, she has been unwilling to apologize for her affirmative vote on the Iraq war back in the day. It would seem to me that her move to the left has her stuck between feeding the screaming democratic hardliners what they want to hear so Obama doesn't pull through on the nomination, as well as trying to keep her middle majority on her side.

Giuliani, on the other hand, I find a little odd. For one, he has no southern qualities. This makes a small problem for him in the south, where the republican stronghold lies. If he makes the cut, I'm sure he will solve this problem with a southern V.P., but as for now, it makes me wonder if he can pull his party's nomination. Also, being on the third wife might be a little bit of a problem, especially if the republicans are trying to woo the Christian right again, which would seem to be the plan. Last but not least, if the gossip is correct, it would seem that the leak of Giuliani's strategy book revealed poor financial planning with very high goals (\$100 million in contributions in one year) and many of his key contributors already attached to McCain bandwagon. In essence, all Giuliani is running on, in my mind, is his attachment to 9-11, and personally, I don't think that's going to keep him afloat.

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Our Voice

Grad school not for faint of heart

At some point in your college career, you are going to have to decide what you would like to do after graduation. This includes thinking about whether or not you want to attend graduate school.

This is not a choice you should put off. The admissions process for graduate school is intense and time consuming. Therefore, you need to start deciding if graduate school is right for you well in advance.

We say this because it's already hard enough to balance your undergrad degree, extracurricular activities, family and more, and adding in graduate school is just going to make your life more stressful, so plan early.

Be aware though, that graduate school isn't for everyone. You do not need to be attending if you're just looking to find yourself because we promise that grad school isn't about that. It's about research and professional advancement, and if you're not willing to make a full commitment, then you don't need to go.

But if you are one of the few that are willing to sacrifice your sanity and your bank account, then good for you, just be prepared for a challenge of a lifetime.

And believe us when we say, the challenge starts the day you decide you want to apply.

Applying for graduate school is the hardest task for most. The application process consists of letters of recommendation, GRE scores, transcripts, a resume and an admissions essay. This can be overwhelming to many, but our advice is to get help from those around you.

That's why it's so important to have professional relationships with your professors. We at GCSU are lucky because our school is small, and most of our professors know who we are. Use that to your advantage. Ask your professors to write you a recommendation and to look over your essay, because they are the ones who know you best in the classroom and they are going to be the ones who can help you the most.

And realize that the GRE needs to be taken seriously. Don't put off studying to the last minute, unless you are a genius, because if you wait until a day before the test you are not going to do well. Plus, it cost \$130 and seriously, who wants to pay that twice?

Just be aware that graduate school is not a walk in the park. The entire process is difficult, but rewarding at the same time. Getting accepted to your first choice not only will put a smile on your face, but will also relieve all the tension you have put on yourself.

Just be aware that having a back up plan is always a good idea, too. Even if it leaves you working at the local deli, it's still better than not working at all.

So go and be prosperous and good luck!

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4. What happens to my GPA when I retake a course?

5. What's an "Advisor Hold" and does every stu-

dent have one?

6. My friend told me I have six legislative/non-course requirements that I must satisfy before I graduate. What are they and how come I've never heard of them?

7. I have no idea who my advisor is. Why do I need one if I have a four-year degree checklist for my major?

How did you do? Have questions about this quiz? Want the real answers? Come to the Advisement

and Registration Forum, a student/faculty forum to address questions and provide information pertaining to the advisement and registration processes.

Hosted by the Center for Student Success in conjunction with the Academic Affairs Committee of SGA, the forum will be held Thursday, March 1, at 7p.m. in Arts & Sciences room 272.

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Submitted by Ryan
Greene, SGA Senator

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many groups segregate in Sodexho

Dear Editor,

Ever since there have been public schools within the United States of America, there have always been “teacher tables” in the school cafeteria. Why is it exactly that these so called “teachers” have the choice to sit by themselves? Shouldn’t they be obligated to sit and interact with the students they teach every-day? What if they don’t sit with the students they “should” be interacting with? Would that be racist? Sexist? Selfish? No — that would make sense.

Fraternity boys sit with... their fraternity brothers. Professors sit with... professors — math professors with math professors, and music professors with music professors. Biology students sit with other biology students. Blacks sit with other blacks? White students sitting with other white students when there’s a black table right around the corner waiting for a white person to join? Blasphemy! Crazyiness!

To believe that whites and blacks should be obligated to sit with people of the opposite race is both madness and being naive. When was the last time you were obligated to do something and accepted the change without question? I still hate turnip greens, even though my mother tried to get me to eat them, once again, this past New Year’s. You can’t make me eat them. You can suggest them and give me the choice to eat them, but you can never make me.

Martin Luther King Jr. stood for many things over the past years, but one of the huge things he stood for, as well as the United States Constitution stands for, is the power of choice. Ana Maria says, “But the one choice we shouldn’t be making is to choose to separate — to segregate.” If you choose to make certain people sit together, and interact with one another, you might as well make all blacks go to the same restroom or water fountain. Taking away choice is exactly what Martin Luther

King Jr. fought against, and making people act a certain way would completely contradict him.

Giving people the choice to sit where they want is what America is all about. When you find a white and a black person that have things in common, often they will end up sitting together over a meal and becoming friends. If they don’t want to have a meal together, don’t make them! They always have the choice — and that is all that matters. You can’t teach people what to like — you can only give them the option to do what they want. So, Ana Maria, to answer your question, “Why is there always a ‘black table’ at Sodexho?” There is always a “black table” at Sodexho because they want a black table — and no one has the right to stop them... thankfully.

Sincerely,
Ryan Greene
Junior
Marketing

Lugo hits nail on head with column

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to Ana Maria Lugo's article "Why Is There Always A Black Table at Sodexho". I think Ms. Lugo hit the nail on the head with her assessment.

Many of the organizations that Ms. Lugo mentions are even worse than she mentions. Some organizations that are against discrimination are in fact among the more discriminatory organizations. For example, the National

Association for the Advancement of Colored People has denounced certain people like Condoleezza Rice, Rod Paige, Colin Powell, and J.C. Watts?

Why? Because "they're not black enough"...nevermind that these individuals should be the poster children for the advancement of colored people. Ms. Lugo rightly discusses Martin Luther King Jr.’s "I have a dream" speech and makes the point that we

have yet to achieve his goal, that all are created equal. He didn't intend for one group to be superior or have more rights or special rights. He intended us to be exactly what he said. EQUAL.

Why must certain groups separate themselves from the goals that they are trying to accomplish?

Sincerely,
Jason White
Sophomore
Political Science

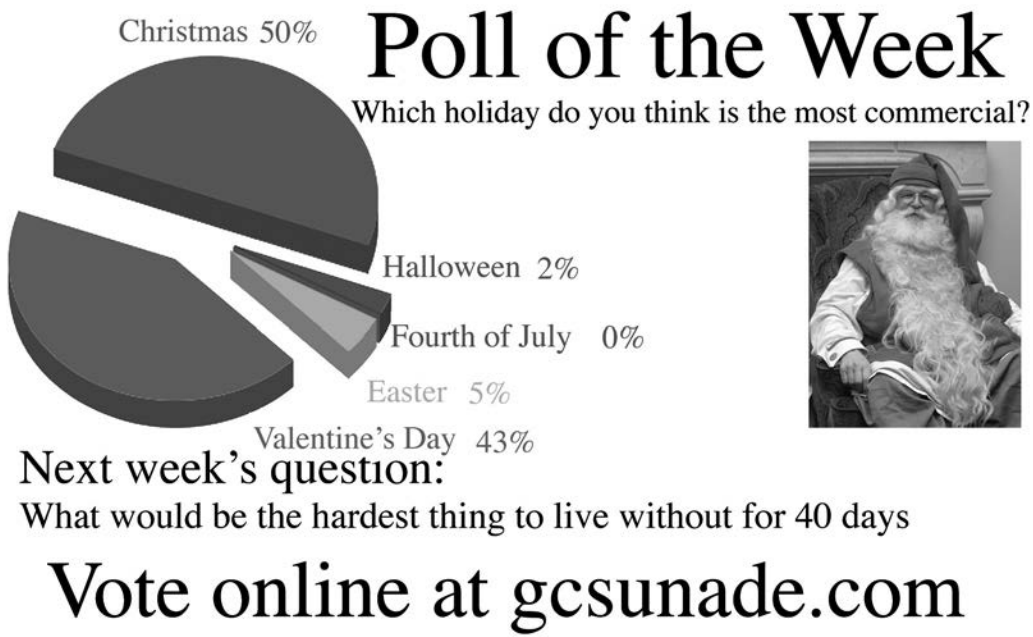
For more responses to the column "Why is there always a ‘black table’ at Sodexho?” please visit www.gcsunade.com.

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POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW



THE COLONNADE POLICY: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Bobcat Beat

“What are your feelings on Dr. Seuss?
What is your favorite book?”



“The book called ‘Oh the Places You Will Go’ is inspiring. My mom read it to me and I would memorize it, thinking I could read it myself.”

Ashley Blizzard, Freshman, Political Science

““Green Eggs and Ham’ is my favorite book because it makes me think of making the food.”

Griffin Osborne, Freshman, Business



“My favorite book is ‘Oh The Places You Will Go.’ It is completely inspirational. The message tells you that you can do anything you want to, especially when Dr. Seuss says it.”

Tony Ransom, Junior, Studio Art

“Nothing bad you can say about Dr. Seuss. I don’t know a child that hasn’t been read the books and they are extremely inspirational.” ‘One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish’ is my favorite book by him.”

Angela Madson, Senior, English



“When I hear of Dr. Seuss I think of his artwork before his writing. The paintings I have seen by him are spectacular.”

Paul Atreides, Senior, Political Science

Beat Reported by Kate McWilliams

The Litter Box

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I think it would be great if our television station started syndicating a sitcom that took place in SAGA, like "Cheers" except with college students in a cafeteria...there could be a theme song writing contest and all kinds of cool stuff :-)

It sucks when they do surprise room searches while you're in class... Crap!

Anybody see those weirdos who had a party wearing all denim and mustaches? FREAKS.

Hey, this is JoelBear. I wanted to vent about my Valentine’s Day. It was the worst EVER. Besides my mom calling me, I didn’t get any of the attention I deserve. No girls wanted to be my Valentine. They say "maybe next year, JoelBear!" Sad. Anywho, I am not dissing the holiday, I'm just a blue JoelBear this Valentine’s Day.

Everybody who has school spirit, and aren't ashamed of going to GCSU raise your hand. *Take note of all 7 of us.*

Why does the door handle to the women's bathroom on 3rd floor A&S always rattle?

For those of you complaining about the Greeks on campus I have just one thing to say to you: mediocracy attacks excellence.

I really don't like that blue weed killer they are spraying all over campus. I mean, surely weeds look better than a yard that looks like a Smurf battlefield....

Your mom reads The Colonnade.

Why does the school see it necessary to spend thousands of dollars on 42 inch televised advertisement posters in the library? Hook up some cable, turn up the sound and put on some ESPN. I would much rather see Sportscenter's top 10 or even a delayed taping of Olympic curling than to see another ad for Bobcat Village or a reminder for upcoming registration.

Why the fudge does GCSU paint the grass?!?! It looks like someone vomited mucus all over front campus.

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February 23 - March 1

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3 p.m. CETL Teaching Tips, 115 Teaching Tips, Beeson
8 p.m. "A Streetcar Named Desire," Russell Auditorium

Saturday, February 24

6 a.m.- 2 p.m. Team-Wide Yard Sale, Protective Financial Services
(1102 North Columbia Street across from Piggly
Wiggly)
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dance Marathon, Magnolia Ballroom
1 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. #35 Limestone, Centennial Center
1 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. #38 Limestone, Centennial Center
8 p.m. "A Streetcar Named Desire," Russell Auditorium
10 p.m. - 2 a.m. BSA Annual Heritage Ball, Magnolia Ballroom

Sunday, February 25

8 p.m. "A Streetcar Named Desire," Russell Auditorium
3 p.m. February Lecture Series at Andalusia, Andalusia
Main Dining Room

Monday, February 26

4 p.m. Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kid's Sake
Fundraiser, Baldwin Bowling Center
4 - 6 p.m. Session 2 Final Cut Workshop, Library Instructional
Technology Center
7 p.m. Pandemic Flu Information Meeting, A&S
Auditorium

Tuesday, February 27

Noon. - 2 p.m. Careers in Nonprofit Industry, MSU Lounge
4:30 p.m. Volunteer Meeting, 143 MSU
7 p.m. Campus Catholics Holy Grounds, Blackbird Coffee
House
8 p.m. BSU Synergy, Magnolia Ballroom, SAC

Wednesday, February 28

5 p.m. SIFE Meeting, 109 Atkinson Hall
6 p.m. A.N.G.E.L.S. (Aids Now Grasps Every Living
Soul), The GIVE Center
6 p.m. The Evolution of Music, MSU Lounge
7 p.m. Loving Your Body Inside & Out, The Wellness
Depot Classroom
8 p.m. Wesley House, Magnolia Ballroom

Thursday, March 1

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Student Health Services Health Fair, Magnolia
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The hazards of softball

On Feb 17, at approximately 5 p.m., while Sgt. Williams was assisting an officer with a traffic stop on Tattnell Street; a student came to the patrol vehicle asking for assistance. The student advised the officer that his friend had been hit in the eye with a softball. An ambulance was dispatched to Bonner Park and first aid was given to the individual. EMS advised that the individual was stable enough to go to the hospital with her friend to get stitches.

Student blocking traffic mouths off to officer

On Feb. 19, at approximately 8:45 a.m., Officer Gaines observed a vehicle on Montgomery Street stop in the road and block traffic. Other vehicles were having to go in the opposite lane of traffic to get around the vehicle. Officer Gaines honked the horn, and a male, who had been talking to the driver of the vehicle, threw up his hand and yelled a profanity to the officer. Contact was made with individual, who was given a student disciplinary referral for his actions.

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Denise loves to give back



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Denise Chambers uses her time and talents to help the community through the GIVE Center. She likes to use art to help others cope with hard times.

BY SARAH VER STEEG
SENIOR REPORTER

The first thing you notice are the curls—she's tall, so they're hard to miss. The spirals bounce and bob with her lively movements. Her voice is high and sweet and she laughs contagiously, which contrasts her commanding presence.

She is wearing a lemon-colored GIVE Center T-shirt over a white hoodie. As students pass by, she asks for their help in a community service program.

Her name is Denise Chambers--GIVE Center volunteer, current GCSU health and art major, art lover and massage therapist. She has numerous talents but all go to one goal—using her strengths to help her community.

"All you have to do is 10 hours of community service and raise \$10 over the next 10 weeks," Denise said. "The money will be given to the organization of your choice."

The look in her eyes, her warm smile and bubbly personality convince some to sign their name on the list and others to turn away with guilt.

The GIVE Center is an on-campus organization that recruits student volunteers and plugs them into community service events. It was established in 1997 to give students the opportunity to get involved in aiding the campus and community.

Denise's dream is to work in a setting that incorporates health care, community service and her love of art. She hopes one day to become an art therapist, using the skills she has acquired at GCSU to assist in her ability to help people.

"I have so many goals," Denise said, laughing. "But all of them I want to use when I get older and go into art therapy. I want to use the experience I've gained to help me become the best art therapist I can."

Denise's art helped her cope with the hard times in her life, and she wants to make that a possibility for others.

"Sometimes talking about your problems doesn't help; sometimes you need to be able to visualize them," Denise said.

Giving Back to the Community

One way Denise is

preparing for her goals is by working at the GIVE Center. Her work there began in September 2005 and she feels that it is her second home.

"When you work at the GIVE Center, you get addicted to it," Denise said, laughing. "I don't ever want to lose this passion I've found at the GIVE Center—community service is something I don't ever want to let go of."

Denise gets inspiration and guidance from the people she works with at the GIVE Center.

"For the things I'm passionate about doing, it's like I have the guidance I need from the right people," Denise said. "I get to learn from watching what they do."

One of those people is GCSU alumna Kim David. Kim said in the two years she has known Denise, Denise has added a sense of "positiveness" to the GIVE Center and a spirit of fun that brightens up the work place.

"She's been an inspiration to me," Kim said. "Even though I've been with the GIVE Center since 1999, it's an inspiration to see someone jump

in and do what she can to better the community."

Kim laughed when describing the first time she met Denise.

"My first impression was that she was crazy, but in a good way," Kim said. "She never meets a stranger."

Denise's cheery personality and willingness to help with whatever she can is a "huge strength," according to Kim. She tackles new projects with creative ideas.

Paul Sedor, assistant director of the GIVE Center is thankful for Denise's organizational skills and the assistance she gives him with new volunteers. More importantly, Paul appreciates the energy Denise brings to the office. She is reliable and she views her position at the GIVE Center as more than a job.

"She won't leave until the job is done," Sedor said. "She takes her job very seriously and takes pride in it."

Paul, like Kim, laughed when he recalled the day he first interviewed Denise. She was full of energy. After the interview, he walked into the director's office and said, "Wow, there's never going to be a dull moment with her!"

The most prominent role Denise plays at the GIVE Center is as servant leader for the Adopt-A-Grandparent program. This program pairs college students with senior citizens in local nursing homes.

"It's giving [the senior citizens] the opportunity to meet new people and be a part of someone's life who actually wants to be there," Denise said. "It's not super-duper crazy fun, but if it's what you like, then it's worth it."

A Troubled Past: An Opportunity

Being in foster care as a child forced Denise to depend on the people around her to support her and be her second family.

"I've been through a lot, but I've had people to help me all along the way," Denise said. "It's not something I pity myself for, it's something I'm proud of—it's something that's helped me become a stronger person."

To Denise, struggles and hard times motivate her to be happy and content, and that spills over to her desire to make others the same.

Denise is an example of a person with enormous talents and capabilities. What makes her special is that she can't keep it in.



ABIGAIL GOODRICH / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chix with Stix uses regular percussion equipment and an array of household items to deliver a one-of-kind performance.

Chix with Stix host banging good time

BY JESSICA MURPHY
SENIOR REPORTER

Paint cans, coffee cups and djembe drums were just a few of the instruments that were used by the group Chix with Stix at their performance this past Monday at Max Noah Hall.

"I didn't really understand why there were old paint cans with wooden sticks in them sitting on the stage," said Blair Janzen, a junior music education major. "But once the group came out and started playing with them, I got excited because I knew their performance was going to be interesting."

The paint cans were just a preview as to what was to come for the rest of the evening.

Chix with Stix is a female percussion group that expresses its musicianship through performances that tie in both new and traditional percussion ensembles.

"This was our first performance here at GCSU and we have felt so welcomed," said band member Lisa Gillespie. "We have had such a wonderful time here, and getting from place to place can be difficult at times but GCSU has been more than helpful."

For almost two hours, Chix with Stix entertained a full house of both faculty and students. Their performance was powerful to many.

"Honestly, I find it an

inspiration because you often see men performers, so it's nice to see a all-women's group," said Carrie Bettinger, a senior psychology major. "And the cool thing is they all have other professions."

The audience could buy their own Chix with Stix egg shakers before the performance and were even encouraged to play along with the group.

"The group did a great job of making everyone feel welcomed," Janzen said. "Having the egg shakers was a good idea and a nice way to incorporate the audience into their performance."

During the show, the group even brought out their own shakers and integrated them into one of their pieces.

"Sharing music with my friends is important and having the audience get involved is also fun," Gillespie said.

Chix with Stix are not only musicians but are also mentors and educators who strive to bring percussion music to a wider audience.

"Making music with other woman is empowering," band member Karen Hunt said. "We want to encourage other women to do this. Playing music together allows us to come out of our boxes and our comfort zone."

The performance came to a peak when the group used tableware in one of

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Students ride 'Streetcar' to New Orleans



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Stanley (Justin Miles) fights with Blanche (Jennifer Watkins).

BY SALEM COOK
STAFF WRITER

Violence, sex, alcoholism and human emotion riddle Tennessee William's play "A Streetcar Named Desire." The GCSU Theatre Department will be putting on this performance Feb. 21-25 in Russell Auditorium.

Brock Fisher, an assistant professor and director, took on the challenge of putting on Williams' most critically acclaimed work.

"The department wanted to put on a Southern drama," Fisher said. "('A Streetcar Named Desire') takes place in New Orleans which I thought fit

the criteria."

There are 13 actors in the play, but around 35 students and faculty are helping with the production. There are technical supports, musicians and people helping with the abundant props on the set.

In 1947, "A Streetcar Named Desire" was performed for the first time on Broadway and later became a movie in 1951. Both starred Marlon Brando. The leading character Blanche DeBois takes a streetcar to go visit her pregnant sister, Stella in New Orleans. Feuds develop between Stella's husband Stanley and

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40 Days and 40 Nights

The Colonnade editorial staff is sacrificing one thing until Easter. We'll keep you posted on our progress.

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BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Elisha Hodgkin (L) and Jennifer Watkins (R) play sisters Stella Kowalski and Blanche DeBois, respectively.

Theatre

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Blanche. Secrets are revealed about Blanche’s past and Stella struggles to choose sides. She does not know who to believe, her sister or her husband whom she loves. The actors and actresses had four weeks to prepare for one of the most challenging plays GCSU Theatre Department has ever attempted. In two weeks the performers learned their lines and were on their way to expertly understanding their character. “The students worked ridiculously hard,” Fisher said. “(‘Streetcar’) was hugely challenging. I am happy with how it turned out.” Many of the lead characters were freshmen students, but this did not hold back the show. Nick Thompson, a junior theatre major was impressed by the performances.

“Everyone brought a lot of energy to their performances,” Thompson said. “The freshmen all did fantastic. Now (‘Streetcar’) may be one of my favorite plays.” With all the younger students performing, the alcoholic beverages consumed may have been disturbing or illegal, but rest assured nothing more than sugar water touched the performers’ lips. The bourbons are tea; clear liquors are water, and the Southern Comfort is water with red dye. “We just put stoppers on all the bottles,” Fisher said. The music is also an impressive aspect to the show. Dr. Richard Greene, chair of the Music and Theatre Department composed the music for the play. “He started creating the music last semester,” Fisher said. “He used new instruments that worked fantastically with the play like the wooden sticks that can be played like a drum.

I don’t know what we would do without his music; it completes the play.” The set does not change, but is extremely intricate. There is a balcony with a stair case leading up to it, a kitchen, a bedroom, a bathroom and the list goes continues. The props are almost more impressive than the set. Kathleen McGeever, the theatre chair, felt that this set was her most difficult project yet. “There were so many props involved with this set,” McGeever said. “People are working hard setting up each scene.” Overall, the GCSU Theatre Department considers “A Streetcar Named Desire” one of their best shows to date. “It’s a long play, but it draws you in really well,” Thompson said. The show starts at 8 p.m., Feb. 21-24, and a matinee will start at 2 p.m., Feb. 25.

Chix

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their pieces. “When they brought out the table onto the stage, I was confused as to what they were doing,” Bettinger said. “I thought

it was some type of joke, but when they sat down and started playing the cups and bowls with sticks, I was shocked. The tableware performance was by far my favorite moment of the evening.” Chix with Stix received a standing ovation from the crowd and some peo-

ple left wanting more. “I got to work with them in a master class and they were so awesome,” Janzen said. “And the performance tonight was even better. The group is remarkable and I suggest to anyone to go and see Chix with Stix.”



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The all-female percussion group, Chix with Stix, performed in Max Noah recital hall on Monday, Feb. 19.

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SPORTS GUY

BY WES BROWN

PBC needs
to change

The Peach Belt Conference (PBC) board of directors and Commissioner Marvin Vanover have announced that USC Aiken will be the host school for the 2008 and 2009 men's and women's basketball tournaments. The tournaments will be played in the new Convocation Center on the campus of USCA, which will be completed this April.

USC Aiken has never hosted the PBC Tournament, although the event has been held in nearby Augusta on six occasions. The Augusta/Aiken region is in the center of the PBC, which has schools in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

How is the host school for the PBC tournament chosen? Athletic director Stan Aldridge says it changes biannually.

"It started out as a bid, but now it rotates from institution to institution every two years," Aldridge said.

Is this a legitimate way to choose the host school for the conference tournament? Is it fair that the championship has not been held here in 10 years? I believe the system is flawed.

The conference tournament has not been held in Milledgeville since 1996 and 1997. The last time GCSU hosted the tournament, they captured the PBC championship, beating USC Spartanburg 69-65. Most of the students attending GCSU were not even in high school in 1996 or 1997.

The winner of the previous year's tournament should decide the host school for the conference tournament. The champion should be able to defend their title on their home court.

This system would work because one school does not dominate the conference. In the past decade no school has won the championship more than two years in a row. Only one school has repeated as champions and that was Augusta State in 2001 and 2002.

The system would also enhance competition by lifting the stakes even higher.

But for now, things seem unlikely to change. Plan for the tournament to return in the next few years.

"There is a good possibility that the tournament will return in 2010 and 2011 after it is held at USC Aiken," said Aldridge.

Bobcats spring into six game tear



WILL GODFREY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
GCSU ace, Mike Antonini, fires a pitch to North Greenville University in the Bobcats home opener Friday. Anotonini struck out 14 batters in the shutout.



WILL GODFREY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior Rich Janofsky focuses on a pitch against North Greenville Friday. The Bobcats have started to roll, winning six straight games.

BY NICK WALDRIP
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU baseball team's first six games were about as cold as the Georgia weather. The Bobcats lost three of their first six games, dropped seven spots in the polls, then had two key starters injured. But after beating St. Andrews Presbyterian College (1-4), dominating Clark-Atlanta and sweeping North Greenville (3-8), things are warming up for the once somber Bobcats.

The Bobcats' Mike Antonini owned North Greenville's bats on Friday in the 9-0 home opener win. Antonini shut out the Crusaders, racked-up 14 strikeouts, allowed just two hits and only one runner to reach scoring position.

Freshman Chandler Snell and Andrew Evans took care of the offense. Snell went 3-for-4 with 2 RBI's and Evans was 2-for-3 with 2 runs and an RBI. Senior first baseman, Daniel Heflin, also had two RBI's.

Saturday's double-header went just as smoothly for the Bobcats. They downed the Crusaders' 12-2 and 7-1, with outstanding pitching performances by junior pitchers Sean Heimpel (1-0) and Jayson Bennett (1-0). Senior rightfielder Bryan Shaugnessy ended the day 7-for-8 with three runs and seven RBI's. Senior third baseman Rich Janofsky was 4-for-5 with three runs, sophomore catcher Pete Paris went 4-for-4 and Andrew Evans went 3-for-5 with a home-run.

BASEBALL Page 11

Double header bitter sweet for ladies

BY JOURDAN HAMILTON
STAFF WRITER

Although the Lady Bobcats softball team started off with a very strong season record, they fell a little flat last Sunday in their double header versus University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Both games were fairly uneventful and low scoring. In the first game, the Lady Bobcats pulled out a victory 2-1, with sophomore Chelsea Wilson and freshman Allison Schwimer scoring the only runs of the game.

But what happened in the second game?

"We just didn't hit the ball; we just didn't put the ball in play," Coach Ginger Miller said. "We should have had the second game by three or four runs. We had plenty of people in scoring position."

In game 2, the Lady Bobcats found themselves out of steam, as they were unable to answer Alabama-Huntsville's two runs with more than one of their own. The lack of capitalizing on important situations is what did them in, as they had double the opposing team's hits with six, but only one run, while the opposition managed to get two runs with only three hits.

"In game one we came out real strong, then in game two our hitting wasn't there like it is normally," said Lindsey Swanson, sophomore shortstop. "We haven't had a low scoring game like that in awhile, usually we are cranking out the hits."

But there were some bright



KATEY FOLLETT/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
GCSU pitcher Mandy Chandler (11) records one of her 12 strikeouts in the Lady Bobcats game one win Sunday afternoon against the University of Alabama at Huntsville. Chandler improved to 4-0 with her four hit, one run complete game performance.

spots for the Bobcats on Sunday. Pitcher Mandy Chandler, who has a 4-0 record, had a great game one with only four hits and one run in the eight innings she pitched. In game two Chandler pitched three innings and gave up no hits.

"I kept focused with my performance today and just threw my game," Chandler said. "When they started crowding the plate, I changed my pitches and my pace."

The Lady Bobcats have to bounce back from this loss

because they will soon face their big rival Columbus State, and the team has no doubt in their ability to do so.

"I have no doubt that we'll come back... just a couple setbacks really early in the season," Swanson said. "We got to get a few people to step up here and there and work through it."

It sounds like Chandler is just as determined.

"For the next game, I'm just going to have to focus on getting

ahead and not throwing so many balls," Chandler said. "We walked too many players and allowed too many people on base today."

The Lady Bobcats will face Columbus State in what is predicted to be an exciting game on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 12:30 p.m.

"It's going to be one where both teams come out ready to play. It's going to be a great game, and I'm very excited because they are one of our big rivals!" said Swanson.

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Women's Basketball:

Sat. 5:30 p.m. @Clayton St.
Wed. Peach Belt Tourn. Begins

Baseball:

Sat. 1 p.m. DH @UNC-Pemb.
Sun. 1 p.m. @UNC-Pemb.
Wed. 2 p.m. @Presbyterian

Softball:

Fri.-Sun. Alabama-Huntsville Tourn.
Wed. 4 p.m. @USC-Aiken

STAT of the WEEK

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The number of strikeouts GCSU starting pitcher, Michael Antonini recorded in his shutout of North Greenville University in the Bobcats home opener.

COACHES CORNER

BY COREY DICKSTEIN

Week 5: Ginger Miller



As the defending Peach Belt Conference Coach of the Year, Ginger Miller, GCSU's head softball coach, has established a new era in Lady Bobcat softball.

Miller stepped in as the interim head coach when former coach, Windy Thees, left to take the head coaching job at the University of Memphis.

"I came in here as an assistant coach," Miller said. "I did that for a year, and then I got the interim job, and this will be my second full year as the head coach."

Miller, originally of Wingate, N.C., started her coaching career as an assistant at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, N.C., where she spent three and a half

years before taking the assistant position at GCSU. Miller said her decision to come to GCSU was a "no-brainer."

"The year before I came, (GCSU) had just been the runner-up in the national tournament," Miller said. "It's really exciting to have a softball program that has a lot of tradition. It can also be a little stressful to have to live up to what they've done before."

The tradition has continued under her leadership as she guided the Lady Bobcats to a 45-13 record and the NCAA Division II South Atlantic Regional crown before advancing to the Division II Softball Championships.

"Last year we had a really good year," Miller said. "It was really exciting, and

now we're just trying to do it two years in a row."

The Lady Bobcats have begun where they left off last year, starting 7-2 with a No. 6 national ranking.

"We've got a lot of youngsters this year," Miller said. "But we have the potential to be a really good team."

Miller, herself, knows what it means to be a young player in college softball. She was a four-year starter at fellow PBC team, Francis Marion University in Florence, S.C.

"You kind of want to beat them more than anyone else," Miller said of her alma mater. "It's exciting, but really it's just like playing anyone else. You just want to win."

'Cats & Cougars clash for fourth place rights

BY DANIEL TROUTMAN
STAFF REPORTER

The men's basketball team gave it their all on senior night Wednesday, but were defeated by Columbus State University (CSU) 87-81. The conference match-up was the last home game for the Bobcats, and the Centennial Center was packed with fans supporting the seniors' final home game.

The game was close throughout the night until midway through the second half when CSU began taking the lead with excellent play from point guard Ron Robinson. GCSU fought to stay in it with hot shooting from senior forward Aaron Gibbs and court leadership from senior point guard Shejdie Childs.

After a timeout with about 7:00 left and GCSU down 67-60, the team needed a boost. GCSU then went on an 8-7 run to get it to 68-74. CSU added two on their end but GCSU responded with three more to bring it to 71-76. After a steal by Childs, sophomore guard Shaun Ketaon scored on a fast break lay-up to bring the Bobcats within three points with 2:54 remaining.

The game moved into overtime territory with a hook shot by Clark to bring GCSU within two, 78-80, but a three pointer by CSU Corris Portis extended the score to 78-85 putting the game out of reach.

Childs commented on



WILL GODFREY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior guard Shejdie Childs (20) drives past a Columbus State defender as the Bobcats drop their final home game of the season. Childs had 10 assists in his final home game.

the game being his last home game at GCSU.

"It was a big turnout and I appreciate everything," Childs said. "My teammates worked hard and played hard and we left it all there (on the court)." Childs finished with nine points and an amazing 10 assists.

Fellow senior Aaron Gibbs added that it was a devastating loss.

"I wanted it bad. I know my team wanted it bad," Gibbs said. "We just came up short."

Next week GCSU plays No. 14 Clayton State on the road, and after that the

Peach Belt Conference tournament begins. Gibbs believes that GCSU can beat a good Lakers team and use that to propel them into the tournament.

"If we can get everybody firing together, we can get on that roll and try to win the (PBC) tournament."

Head men's basketball coach Terry Sellers commented that the team needed more defensive stops, but that he would immensely miss his two seniors.

"They are two of the finest young men I've ever had the privilege to coach," said Sellers.

Baseball

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Seniors Brandon Anderson and Casey Cullen, were key players last year and are now inactive due to recent leg injuries.

"It's unlucky to have me and Casey hurt at the same time," said Anderson, a 2006 NCAA All-American. "I'm glad the team has picked it up though."

Anderson hopes to play this weekend, possibly as the designated hitter.

Senior Justin Mills was named the Peach Belt Player of the Week and GCSU's first Athlete of

the Week for his stellar performance in the team's opening series with No. 1 University of Tampa. In the series, the leadoff hitter batted .462 while scoring 6 runs and swiping three bags before hitting what proved to be the game winning homerun in the final battle of the series.

Mills said he is pleased with the performance of the team so far this season.

"I'm happy with how we are playing right now. It was a slower start than I would've liked, but we are coming along now after the sweep," Mills said.

The Bobcats are now 7-3 and have climbed to No. 6 in the Division II poll as they continue to improve

on their rocky start.

Six other Peach Belt Conference Teams are ranked in the top 30 in Division II, proving that the Bobcats have their work cut out for them.

"You want to use the first 15 games to learn more about your team," Head Coach Chris Calciano said. "I think we are ready (for conference play)."

The Bobcats hope to continue their six-game winning streak as they begin conference play this weekend on the road against dangerous UNC Pembroke.

The Braves (9-2) began their season with eight straight wins and beat No. 14 USC Aiken last week.

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